



# 2005 City Calendar

In our continuing effort to improve services to the citizens of the City of Bedford, we are pleased to present you with this 2005 calendar for your use. This calendar is full of information regarding City services and how to access them, including information and answers to the questions most frequently asked of us. In addition, we have noted all of the important dates within each month, so you'll know ahead of time when things are occurring. Whether you want to know which streets get cleared of snow, what makes Centertown special, or when the garbage collection schedule is going to vary, you'll find all of this information and much more throughout the calendar. We hope you will find this information helpful and put the calendar to good use. The City of Bedford is a great place to live, work and play, and we are committed to keeping it that way.

## CITY OFFICIALS

### City Council

E. Thomas Messier, Mayor  
W.D. "Skip" Tharp, Vice – Mayor  
Mary L. Flood  
Jeffrey B. Hubbard  
Thomas M. Padgett  
C.G. Stanley, Jr.  
Robert T. Wandrei

### City Administration

F. Craig Meadows	City Manager
Joanne Caldwell	Treasurer
Brenda Daniel	Commissioner of Revenue
Nanci Drake	Director of Tourism
Clarke Gibson	Director of Public Services
Milton Graham	Chief of Police
Rosie Jordan	Director of Finance
Randy Nixon	Director of Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries
Barbara Parker	Director of Human Resources
Gene Ratzlaff	Director of the Electric Department
Todd Stone	Fire Chief
Bart Warner	Director of Planning and Community Development

*City Offices, unless otherwise noted, are located at the City Municipal Building, 215 E. Main Street, Bedford, Virginia 24523. Generally, the offices are open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The offices are closed on the following holidays:*

<i>New Year's Day</i>	<i>Thanksgiving Day</i>
<i>Lee-Jackson-King Day</i>	<i>Friday following Thanksgiving</i>
<i>Monday following Memorial Day</i>	<i>Thursday before Christmas Eve</i>
<i>Monday following July 4th</i>	<i>Christmas Eve</i>
<i>Labor Day</i>	<i>Friday before New Year's Day</i>
<i>Veteran's Day</i>	

*\*In addition to these holidays, the City landfill is closed on November 12, November 26 and December 24.*

## How To Contact Us

City of Bedford  
215 E. Main Street  
P.O. Drawer 807  
Bedford, VA 24523

Area code (540)

<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<b>911</b>	Police Administration	587-6011
City Administration	587-6001	Public Services	587-6081

Internet: [www.bedfordva.gov](http://www.bedfordva.gov)

Email: [admin@bedfordva.gov](mailto:admin@bedfordva.gov)

Many City documents are available online!



# How to Contact Your Elected Officials

## GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA

**The Honorable Mark R. Warner**  
State Capitol, 3rd Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

**Phone:** (804) 786-2211  
**Fax:** (804) 371-6351  
**Website:** [www.virginia.gov](http://www.virginia.gov)

## VIRGINIA SENATE

**Senator Stephen D. Newman**  
**District Office**  
P.O. Box 480  
Forest, VA 24551

**Phone:** (434) 385-1065  
**Fax:** (434) 385-1021

**Capitol Office**  
Senate of Virginia  
P.O. Box 396  
Richmond, VA 23218  
**Email:** [district23@sov.state.va.us](mailto:district23@sov.state.va.us)

**District 23**

## VIRGINIA HOUSE OF DELEGATES

**Delegate Lacey E. Putney**  
**Capitol Office**  
General Assembly Building  
P.O. Box 406  
Richmond, Virginia 23218

**Phone:** (804) 698-1019  
**Fax:** (804) 786-6310  
**Constituent Viewpoint:** (800) 889-0229

**District Office**  
P.O. Box 127  
Bedford, VA 24523

**Phone:** (540) 586-0080  
**Fax:** (540) 586-1784  
**Email:** [Del\\_Putney@house.state.va.us](mailto:Del_Putney@house.state.va.us)

**District 19**

## UNITED STATES SENATE

**Senator George Allen**  
**Capitol Office**  
204 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-4604

**Phone:** (202) 224-4024  
**Fax:** (202) 224-5432  
**Web Form:** <http://allen.senate.gov/email.html>

**Senator John Warner**  
**Capitol Office**  
225 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510-4601

**Phone:** (202) 224-2023  
**Fax:** (202) 224-6295  
**Web Form:** [warner.senate.gov/contact/contactme.htm](http://warner.senate.gov/contact/contactme.htm)

## UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**Representative Virgil H. Goode, Jr.**  
**Capitol Office**  
1520 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-4605

**Phone:** (202) 225-4711  
**Fax:** (202) 225-5681  
**Email:** [Rep.Goode@mail.house.gov](mailto:Rep.Goode@mail.house.gov)

**District 5**

Virginia was first known as “the birthplace of a nation”, and is now dubbed “Internet capital of the world”

# Important Phone Numbers

## City of Bedford

<b>EMERGENCY</b>	<b>911</b>
After Hours Public Services Emergencies	911
Animal Control	586-7118
City Attorney	586-8133
City Municipal Building	587-6001
Commissioner of Revenue	587-6051
Economic Development	587-6020
Electric Department	587-6071
Engineering Department	587-6031
Finance Department	587-6041
Fire Department (non-emergency only)	586-7150
Human Resources	587-6044
Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission	587-6025
Landfill	586-7186
Parks, Recreation and Cemeteries	587-6061
Planning and Community Development	587-6021
Police Administration	587-6011
Public Services	587-6081
Tourism (Welcome Center)	587-5681
Treasurer	587-6057
Voter Registration (City only)	587-6007

Bedford Science and Technology Center	586-3933
Bedford Central Library	586-8911
Bedford County Sheriff	586-7827
Bedford Elementary School	586-0275
Bedford Main Street, Inc.	586-2148
Bedford Memorial Hospital	586-2441
Bedford Middle School	586-7735
Bedford Museum	586-4520
Bedford Primary School	586-8339
Chamber of Commerce	586-9401
Clerk of the Circuit Court	586-7632
Commonwealth's Attorney	586-7628
Health Department	586-7952
Liberty High School	586-2541
Miss Utility “Call before you dig”	800-552-7001
Poison Control	586-2441
Post Office	586-3454
School Administration	586-1045
Social Services	586-7750

## THE VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH QUARTER

The Virginia quarter, the tenth coin released under the 50 State Quarters® Program, honors Jamestown, Virginia, our nation's first permanent English settlement. Jamestown turns 400 years old in 2007. The selected design features the three ships, Susan Constant, Godspeed, and Discovery. These ships brought the first English settlers to Jamestown. On April 10, 1606, King James I of England chartered the Virginia Company to encourage colonization in the New World. The first expedition, consisting of the three ships depicted on the quarter, embarked from London on December 20, 1606. On May 12, 1607, they landed on a small island along the James River nearly 60 miles from the mouth of the Chesapeake Bay. It was here the original settlers (104 men and boys) established the first permanent English settlement called Jamestown, in honor of King James I.



*County Courthouse*

*By: Warner Scott*

### FUN FACT

About 1/2 of all the people in the United States live within a 500 mile radius of the Capital of Virginia.

### COMMISSIONER OF THE REVENUE

The Commissioner's office is responsible for assessing the value of personal property, business personal property, machinery and tools, issuing business licenses and processing State Income Tax returns. The office also maintains the City land records, administers the tax relief for the elderly and disabled real estate owners program, and handles the food and beverage tax collection. For more information please call 587-6051.



# January 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				30	31 New Year's Day Observed City Offices closed No garbage or recycling collection	1 New Year's Day  City Landfill Closed
2	3  Fri. garbage and recycling collection	4	5	6 Planning Commission Meeting 5:30 p.m.	7	8
9	10	11 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.	12	13	14	15
16	17 Lee-Jackson-King Day City offices closed No garbage or recycling collection	18  Mon. garbage and recycling collection	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.	26	27 Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission (KBBC) Meeting 7:00 p.m.	28	29
30	31  Dog Tags Due Baseball, Softball, T-Ball sign-up begins	1	2			

# CITY OF BEDFORD REFUSE COLLECTION MAP

## NORTHWEST ROUTES

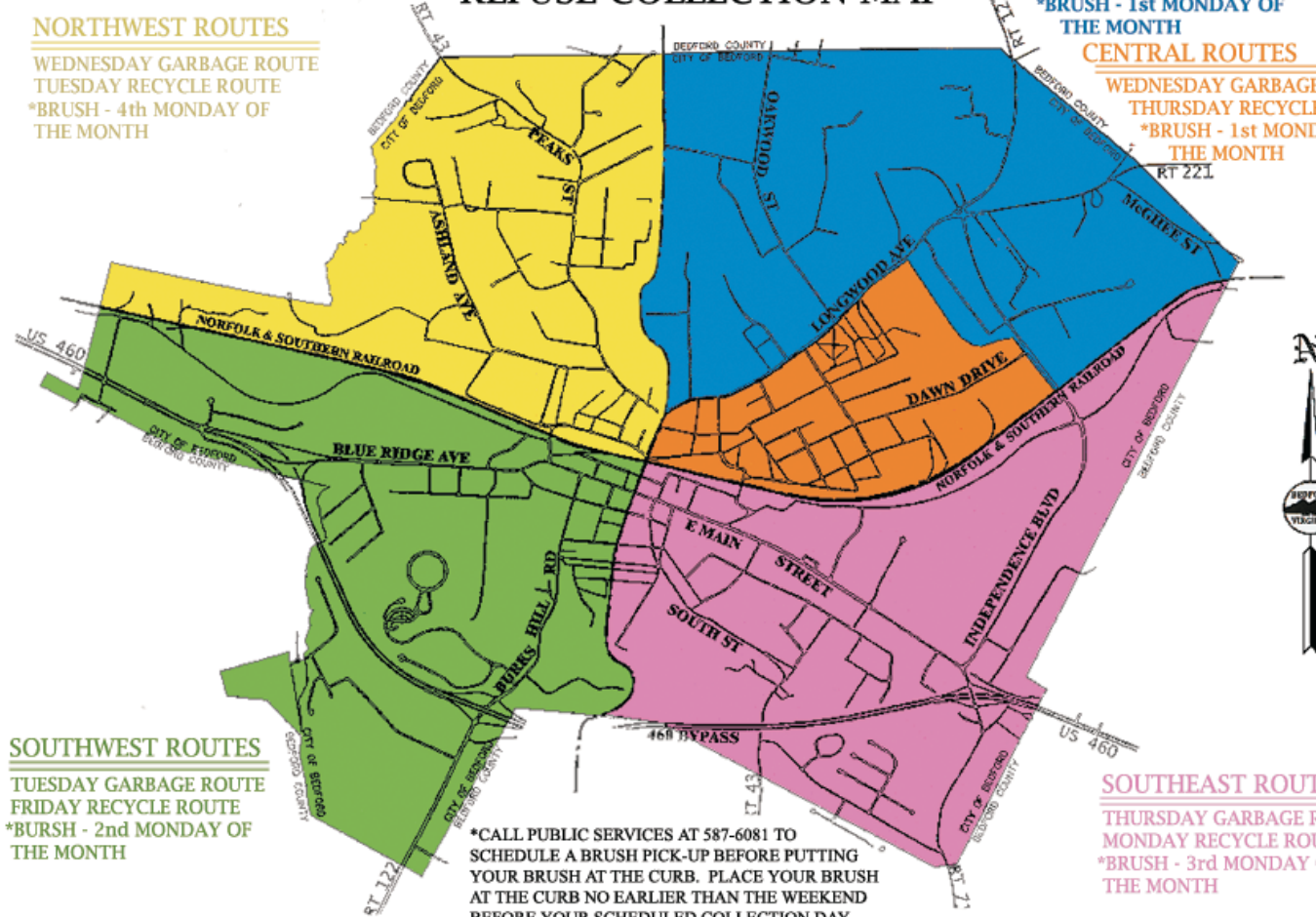
WEDNESDAY GARBAGE ROUTE  
TUESDAY RECYCLE ROUTE  
\*BRUSH - 4th MONDAY OF  
THE MONTH

## NORTHEAST ROUTES

MONDAY GARBAGE ROUTE  
THURSDAY RECYCLE ROUTE  
\*BRUSH - 1st MONDAY OF  
THE MONTH

## CENTRAL ROUTES

WEDNESDAY GARBAGE ROUTE  
THURSDAY RECYCLE ROUTE  
\*BRUSH - 1st MONDAY OF  
THE MONTH



## SOUTHWEST ROUTES

TUESDAY GARBAGE ROUTE  
FRIDAY RECYCLE ROUTE  
\*BRUSH - 2nd MONDAY OF  
THE MONTH

SOUTHEAST ROUTES  
THURSDAY GARBAGE ROUTES  
MONDAY RECYCLE ROUTE  
\*BRUSH - 3rd MONDAY OF  
THE MONTH

## GARBAGE PICK-UP GUIDELINES

Garbage should be drained and stored in plastic bags which are closed and tied or in durable, rust-resisting, nonabsorbent, watertight and easily washable containers. The containers should have close-fitting covers and adequate handles or bails to make collection easier. The containers should not have a capacity of more than twenty (20) gallons for households and not more than thirty (30) gallons for businesses. No container plus contents should weigh more than fifty (50) pounds and should not be more than level full.

Miscellaneous rubbish should be stored in durable containers that are neither too bulky nor too heavy for easy and rapid handling. Cardboard boxes must be nested, or flattened and bundled, unless used as containers for other rubbish. Bulky rubbish such as tree trimmings, weeds, etc., shall be bundled so as not to exceed five (5) feet in length, two and one-half (2 1/2) feet in diameter, or fifty (50) pounds in weight.



## SIGN PERMITS

Most professional signs erected, displayed, altered, relocated, replaced or reconstructed in the City of Bedford require a permit. All signs must be located on the same lot with the principle use to which they pertain. Signs that are erected, displayed, altered, relocated, replaced or reconstructed without a permit shall be removed immediately. To read the complete sign regulations, visit the City Planning Department offices or go to: [www.bedfordva.gov/online/docs/LDRnew/article9.html](http://www.bedfordva.gov/online/docs/LDRnew/article9.html)



## FUN FACT

The first Thanksgiving in North America was held in Virginia in 1619.

# February 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 Dog Tags Due Baseball, Softball, T-Ball sign-up begins	1	2	3 Planning Commission Meeting 5:30 p.m.	4	5
6	7	8 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.	9 Chinese New Year Ask Wednesday	10 Bedford Joint Industrial Development Authority Meeting (BJIDA) 5:30 p.m.	11	12
13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 President's Day	22 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.	23	24 KBBC Meeting 7:00 p.m.	25 Baseball, Softball, T-Ball sign-up ends	26
27	28	1	2			



## PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Residents of the City must purchase a decal for vehicles between March 15 and May 1 of each year. Decals for a vehicle purchased during the year must be bought and displayed immediately. Items of personal property not requiring a decal, such as boats, trailers and mobile homes, must be reported to the Commissioner of Revenue upon purchase.

Assessment for tax billing is determined by the Commissioner of the Revenue. Assessments are based on personal property items owned on January 1 of each year.

## FUN FACT

Jamestown, the first of the original 13 Colonies was founded for the purpose of silk cultivation. After blight fungus destroyed the mulberry trees (silkworm food), sericulturists (producers of raw silk) planted tobacco as a cash crop.

★ Don't forget the Easter Egg-Stravaganza at Liberty Lake Park!!



*Wharton Garden Gazebo*

*By: Cayce Campbell*

## BUSINESS REQUIRED LICENSES IN THE CITY OF BEDFORD

All businesses are required to purchase a business license through the Commissioner of Revenue before operating. The cost of the license is based on the type of business and whether it is new or established. If new, the fee is based on business type and projected yearly income. If established, the fee is based on business type and previous year's receipts. Licenses must be renewed each year by March 1<sup>st</sup>. For more information please call 587-6051.



# March 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1  City Business Licenses Due	2	3 Planning Commission Meeting 5:30 p.m.	4	5
6	7	8 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.	9	10	11	12
13	14	15  City decals on sale	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19  Easter Egg-Stravaganza at Liberty Lake Park 10:00 a.m.
20 Palm Sunday	21	22 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.	23	24 KBBC Meeting 7:00 p.m.	25	26
27 Easter Sunday	28	29	30	31  Third quarter real estate taxes due	1 April Fools Day	2



*Elks National Home*

*By: Cayce Campbell*

## **HISTORIC BEDFORD: ELKS NATIONAL HOME**

Ashland Avenue, Bedford.

540-586-8232

On a grassy hill overlooking Bedford's historic streets stands the country's only retirement facility for the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks. While an impressive and interesting site all year round, it is at its best when the grounds are set ablaze with the brilliant colors and lighted displays of the Christmas holiday season that draws visitors from around the country. The Elks National Home was featured in the hit film, "What About Bob?" starring Bill Murray and Richard Dreyfus. [www.elkshome.org](http://www.elkshome.org).

## **SPRING CLEAN-UP INFORMATION**

\* Put out separate piles for brush, leaves and junk (furniture, appliances, etc.). Each requires a different collection or disposal method and your cooperation makes our crew's job easier.

\* Properly remove the freon from refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners. Environmental regulations prohibit the City from accepting these items for disposal otherwise. Call Public Services if you need advice.

\* Do not place liquids such as paint or driveway sealer out for pickup. These items must be dried and/or hardened before they can be placed in the landfill. Kitty litter works well to accelerate this process.

\* Please have your bulk refuse items out for collection no later than 7:00 a.m., Monday April 18, 2005. Public Services cannot make return trips after clearing your neighborhood. If you would like to take your items to the landfill, the fee will be waived for households only, from April 18 - April 22.

## **FUN FACT**

Virginia was given its nickname "The Old Dominion" by King Charles II of England at the time of the Restoration, in 1660, for remaining loyal to the crown during the English Civil War.

# April 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			30	31  Third quarter real estate taxes due	1 April Fools Day	2
3 Daylight Savings Time Begins	4	5	6	7 Planning Commission Meeting 5:30 p.m.	8	9
10	11	12 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.	13	14	15  Federal Income Tax Day	16
17	18  Spring Clean-up Week	19	20	21	22	23
24 Passover	25	26 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.  Teacher Appreciation Day	27  Administrative Professional's Day	28 KBBC Meeting 7:00 p.m.  Earth Day	29	30



## HISTORIC BEDFORD: CENTERTOWN

Over a decade ago, Bedford was selected as one of the first Virginia Main Street cities. Based on a downtown revitalization concept developed by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Main Street Program stressed design, organization, and promotion as parts of economic restructuring. The program required building consensus and cooperation between merchants, property owners, bankers, city officials, local associations and citizens. It included marketing a positive public image through graphics, public relations, special events and retail promotions. Plans called for enhancing the physical attractiveness of Centertown and strengthening the economic base by working with existing merchants and recruiting appropriate new retailers and services.

Bedford Main Street, Inc. has provided the impetus for the revitalized central business district that we enjoy today. We have preserved historic properties, encouraged reinvestment in the community, created job opportunities and made Bedford a place of public expression and celebration.

## FUN FACT

The Pentagon, in Arlington, Virginia, has twice as many bathrooms as is necessary.



*Farmers Market*

*By: Cayce Campbell*

## RESPONSIBLE ANIMAL CARE

It is against the law for any animal owner not to provide for his animal: sufficient quantity of good and wholesome food and water; proper protection and shelter from the weather; veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering; humane treatment; and prompt removal and sanitary disposal of all excreta deposited by his animal anywhere in the city.

*Section 4-6 of the City of Bedford Code*



# May 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 <i>City Decals Due State Income Tax Due</i>	3	4	5 Planning Commission Meeting 5:30 p.m.  Cinco de Mayo	6	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.	11	12 BJDA Meeting 5:30 p.m.	13	14
15	16 <i>Last day to register for June primary election. Absentee ballots available for this election</i>	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.	25	26 KBBC Meeting 7:00 p.m.	27  <i>Red White and Blue-grass 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.</i>	28
29	30 <i>Memorial Day City offices closed No garbage or recycling collection</i>	31 <i>Football &amp; Cheerleading sign-up begins Mon. garbage and recycling collection</i>	1	2 Planning Commission Meeting 5:30 p.m.		





*D-Day Memorial Plane*

*By: Cayce Campbell*

## REGISTERING TO VOTE

To be eligible to register to vote in Virginia, you must meet all of the following criteria:

- ☑ Be a resident of Virginia
- ☑ Be a U.S. citizen
- ☑ Be 18 years old, or 18 by the next general election.
- ☑ You do not claim the right to vote in any other state.
- ☑ Cannot be held currently mentally incompetent by a court of law.
- ☑ If convicted felon, your right to vote must be restored.

## FUN FACT

Virginia was for a while called “Windgancon,” meaning, “what bright and lively clothes you wear,” which was apparently what the locals answered when one of the first exploring parties asked the name of the place.

## VOTER REGISTRATION/ELECTIONS

Residents new to the state may register as soon as residency is established, while people moving from other Virginia jurisdictions must transfer their registration to Bedford City. Forms are available at all libraries, post offices and selected government agencies. Residents moving from one precinct to another within the City must also notify the Registrar. Citizens must register at least 29 days prior to an election to be eligible to vote and must be at least 18 years old by Election Day.

The registrar periodically holds voter registration drives at various public facilities such as schools, shopping centers and libraries. Additionally, you may register to vote at any registrar’s office in the State. In Virginia, voters do not register by party affiliation. For more information, please call 587-6007, or go to [www.bedfordva.gov](http://www.bedfordva.gov) and look for the icon shown on the right.





# June 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>30</b> Memorial Day City offices closed No garbage or recycling collection	<b>31</b> Football & Cheerleading sign-up begins Mon. garbage and recycling collection	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Planning Commission Meeting 5:30 p.m.	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>  Fourth quarter real estate taxes due	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.  Primary election (if called) Flag Day	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> Father's Day	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> KBBC Meeting 7:00 p.m.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>

## HOUSE NUMBERS

All owners of buildings or houses within the City shall place and maintain on the front or at the street entrance of their respective buildings or houses, the proper house number assigned to such building or house. Such numbers shall be firmly affixed in a conspicuous place and the numbers shall not be less than three inches in height and shall be clearly visible from the street.

*Section 20-29 of the  
City of Bedford Code*

## FUN FACT

The states of Kentucky & West Virginia were formed from sections of the state of Virginia. At the time West Virginia separated from Virginia it was called Kanawha.

## HISTORIC BEDFORD: BEDFORD CITY/COUNTY MUSEUM

201 E. Main Street,  
Bedford, VA 24523

The museum is housed in a 1885 Masonic Temple in Centertown Bedford and is Bedford's only example of Romanesque Revival architecture. The exhibits trace the history of the area, from early Native American culture, through the Civil War and into the mid-twentieth century. It is also the headquarters for the Bedford Genealogical Society and Library. The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. except holidays. 540-586-4520.

[www.bedfordvamuseum.org](http://www.bedfordvamuseum.org).



*July 4th Fireworks Display Collage*

*By: Cayce Campbell*

# July 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			29	30	1	2 Relief for the elderly applications accepted
3	4 Bedford's Libertyfest 7 p.m. - 11 p.m. Independence Day City offices closed No garbage or recycling collection	5 Mon. garbage and recycling collection	6	7 Planning Commission Meeting 5:30 p.m.	8	9
10	11	12 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.	27	28 KBBC Meeting 7:00 p.m.	29	30
31	1 Relief for the elderly applications due	2				





*The Wente Garden*

*By: Cayce Campbell*

## **FUN FACT**

Lawrence Douglas Wilder (born January 17, 1931) was the first elected African American governor in United States history. He became Virginia's sixty-sixth governor serving from 1990 to 1994. In 1969, before serving as governor, Wilder was the first African American state senator in Virginia since Reconstruction. Wilder spent ten years in the General Assembly and was recognized as one of its most effective legislators. For more information about Former Governor Wilder, go to [www.vahistorical.org/sva2003/wilder.htm](http://www.vahistorical.org/sva2003/wilder.htm)

## **PROHIBITED SIGNS**

The following signs are prohibited within the City of Bedford:

- \* Signs in any public right-of-way other than authorized public signs or temporary signs authorized under the sign regulations.
- \* Signs attached to utility poles, trees, other natural vegetation, rocks or fences; or signs attached to walls or other signs unless authorized as part of an approved sign permit.
- \* Off-premises signs, including outdoor advertising signs or billboards, except as expressly authorized in the sign regulations.

*Land Development Regulations  
Section 904.04*

## **NATURAL DRAINS AND STREAMS TO BE KEPT CLEAN**

Natural drains and streams must be kept clean, free and unobstructed from garbage or vegetation upon order of the Health Director. The responsibility of keeping the natural drains and running water clear falls to the owner or occupant of the property.

*Section 10-5 of the City  
of Bedford Code*

# August 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1  Relief for the elderly applications due	2	3	4 Planning Commission Meeting 5:30 p.m.	5	6  Bedford Blues & BBQ 3 p.m. - 11 p.m.
7	8	9 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.	10	11 BJTDA Meeting 5:30 p.m.	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.	24	25 KBBC Meeting 7:00 p.m.  Women's Equality (Suffrage) Day	26	27
28	29	30	31	1 Planning Commission Meeting 5:30 p.m.	2	



## BEWARE OF CONTRACTOR FRAUD

FEMA and HLSEM (Homeland Security and Emergency Management) offer the following tips to those who are beginning the process of rebuilding disaster-damaged property:

- Get a contract in writing. It should cover what work is to be done, when the work will start, cost and payment schedules, and the quality of materials to be used.
- Write down the license plate number and the driver's license number of anyone offering services.
- Ask to see proof of the necessary contractor's licenses and building permits.
- Make sure repairs are done according to local building codes.
- Don't make final payment until the job is finished and you are satisfied with it.
- Make sure all work that requires city or county inspection is officially approved in writing before making final payment to the contractor.
- Don't sign over an insurance settlement check to the contractor.

If you feel you have been a victim of contractor fraud, contact your State Attorney General's Office of Consumer Protection, 1-800-552-9963, and your local police department.



*Centerfest 2004*

*By: Bedford Main Street Inc.*

## VEHICLES FOR SALE

It is against the law for any person to park or place any automobile, truck, trailer or other vehicle on any street or parkway for the purpose of selling or offering it for sale or rent. No sign or lettering shall be placed upon any automobile, truck, trailer or other vehicle parked on any public street, alley or parkway of the City indicating that such vehicle is offered for sale or for rent.

*Section 13-29 of the City of Bedford Code*



# September 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		30	31	1 Planning Commission Meeting 5:30 p.m.	2	3
4	5 Labor Day City offices closed No garbage or recycling collection	6 Volleyball sign-up begins Mon. garbage and recycling collection	7	8	9	10
11 Grandparents Day Patriot Day	12 Columbus Day	13 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 KBBC Meeting 7:00 p.m.	23 Volleyball sign-up ends	24 Absentee ballots available for Nov. election Centerfest 10 a.m. - 11 p.m.
25	26 Basketball sign-up begins	27 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.	28	29	30 First quarter real estate taxes due	1



*A Touch of Character*

*By: Cayce Campbell*

## TRICK-OR-TREATING SAFETY

- E** Young children should always go trick-or-treating with an adult.
- M** Make sure that costumes are flame retardant.
- Z** Wait until you get home and your parents check your candy before you eat it.
- G** Walk on sidewalks and driveways.
-  Cross the street at the corner or in a crosswalk.
-  Carry a flashlight
- P** Visit only houses where the lights are on.

**THE CITY-WIDE CLEAN-UP** occurs once a year in the spring. This was changed because now, City of Bedford residents can take a load of garbage weighing up to 500 pounds to the landfill with no charge.



## HISTORIC BEDFORD: THE LONGWOOD, FAIRMONT AND OAKWOOD CEMETERIES

Longwood and Fairmont cemeteries date back to before 1782 when Liberty was established. These cemeteries contain burials from the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, World War I, World War II, the Korean War and the War in Vietnam. Oakwood Cemetery was added just prior to the Civil War and was developed on the grounds to the south and east of Longwood Cemetery. The markers from the 1700's and 1800's are some of the best examples of cemetery art available (the regulations on the types and variety of monuments and markers were few if any). The markers were typically commissioned for individual construction. Most of the markers from this era are hand carved marble with intricate artwork and inscriptions. To learn more about our cemeteries, go to: [www.bedfordva.gov](http://www.bedfordva.gov) and look for the icon shown on the right.



# October 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				29	30 <i>First quarter real estate taxes due</i>	1
2	3	4 <i>Rosh Hashana</i>	5	6 <i>Planning Commission Meeting 5:30 p.m.</i>	7	8
9	10 <i>Columbus Day</i>  <i>Last day to register for Nov. general election</i>	11 <i>City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.</i>	12	13 <i>Yom Kippur</i>	14	15
16 <i>Bosses Day</i>	17	18	19	20	21  <i>Basketball sign-up ends</i>	22
23	24	25 <i>City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.</i>	26	27 <i>KBBC Meeting 7:00 p.m.</i>	28	29
30 <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	31 <i>Halloween</i>	1 <i>All Saints Day</i>	2			





*Cool November Stream, Reynolds Memorial Park*

*By: Cayce Campbell*

## **BRUSH COLLECTION**

Public Services collects brush from each area of the City once a month. Please follow these simple guidelines to insure your brush is collected:

- \*Call Public Services at 587-6081 to schedule a pickup before placing your brush at the curb or edge of pavement in front of your home.

- \*Separate loose leaves, grass and vines into different piles.

- \*Please keep your brush pile under 6 feet tall.

- \*Place your brush at the curb or edge of pavement in front of your home, no earlier than the weekend before your scheduled pickup.

- \*Trim brush to 10 feet or less.

- \*Brush left by contractors will not be picked up by City crews.

- \*Brush collection is not intended for tree removal or stump disposal.

## **GENERAL ELECTIONS**

The offices being voted on in the 2005 General Election are the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and the Virginia House of Delegates. The Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General serve for four years while the term for the House of Delegates is two years. In order to vote in this election you must be registered with the City of Bedford Registrar, and your voter registration card must be up to date. If your current address is not on your voter registration card, you may be unable to vote.

# November 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>30</b> Daylight Savings Time Ends	<b>31</b> Halloween	<b>1</b> All Saints Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Planning Commission Meeting 5:30 p.m.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.  General Election	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> BJDA Meeting 5:30 p.m.	<b>11</b>  Veteran's Day City offices closed No garbage or recycling collection	<b>12</b>  City Landfill Closed
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  Fri. garbage and recycling collection	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.	<b>23</b>  Thurs. garbage and recycling collection	<b>24</b>  Thanksgiving City offices closed No garbage or recycling collection	<b>25</b>  City offices closed No garbage or recycling collection	<b>26</b>  City Landfill Closed
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  Fri. garbage and recycling collection	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b> Planning Commission Meeting 5:30 p.m.	<b>2</b>	





*Bedford's Antique Fire Engine*

*By: Warner Scott*

## THE VIRGINIA STATE FLAG & SEAL

A deep blue field contains the seal of Virginia with the Latin motto “Sic Semper Tyrannis” - “Thus Always to Tyrants”. The two figures are acting out the meaning of the motto. Both are dressed as warriors. The woman, Virtue, represents Virginia. The man holding a scourge and chain shows that he is a tyrant. His fallen crown is nearby. On the reverse side of the seal are the three Roman goddesses, *Libertas* (Liberty) in the center holding a wand and pileus in her right hand, *Aeternitas* (Eternity) with a globe and phoenix in her right hand and *Ceres* (Fruitfulness) with a cornucopia in her left hand and an ear of wheat in her right. At the top is the word *Perservando* (Latin for “by Persevering”). A border of Virginia creeper encircles the designs on each side. For more information about Virginia, go to [www.virginia.gov](http://www.virginia.gov)

## EMERGENCY SNOW PLOWING ROUTES

### Entire Streets:

Bedford Avenue; Bridge Street / Longwood Avenue / Forest Road from Washington Street to the City limits; Center Street; Court Street; Crenshaw Street / Burks Hill Road – to the City limits; Depot Street; Franklin Street; Main Street; McGhee Street – to the City limits; Oakwood Street- to the city limits; Orange Street - to the city limits; Park Street; Peaks Street - to the city limits; South Street - to the city limits; and Whitfield Drive.

### Portions of the following streets:

Grove Street from Orange Street to Railroad Avenue; Monroe Street from Railroad Avenue to Park Street; Otey Street from Franklin Street to Main Street; Railroad Avenue from Grove Street to Monroe Street; Talbot Street from South Street to Franklin Street; and Washington Street from Otey Street to Center Street.





# December 2005

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		29	30	1 Planning Commission Meeting 5:30 p.m.	2	3  Bedford Christmas Parade 11 a.m.
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m.	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22  Fri. garbage and recycling collection	23  City offices closed No garbage or recycling collection	24 Christmas Eve  City Landfill Closed
25 Christmas Day	26 First Day of Chanukkah Christmas Day Observed City offices closed No garbage or recycling collection	27  Mon. garbage and recycling collection	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve  Personal Property Tax Due

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